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HEAVY CRUDE OILS AND DISTILLATION RESIDUES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.